(d) The average income to the farmer per hectare / year wise for the referred crop is as follows:-

Average income per hectare in Rs.

| Sl. No. | Name of medicinal plant | Year 2006-07 | Year 2007-08 | Year 2008-09 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Senna (Sonmukhi) | 6547 | 2300 | 4354 |
| 2. | Isabgol | 7423 | 13783 | 19888 |
| 3. | Ashwagandha | 7830 | 134956 | 123163 |
| 4. | Amla | 40819 | 35066 | 72250 |

The average income of the farmer varies in different agro climatic zones. Present cost benefit ratio for the medicinal plants referred to above is favorable, though erratic monsoonic rainfall etc. sometimes makes the cultivation unremunerative.

(e) Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for these plants is not under consideration at this stage.

(f) Government is implementing a "Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants" with a total outlay of Rs. 630 crores during the Eleventh Plan. The scheme seeks to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in clusters by organizing growers into Self Help Group, Cooperatives with linkages to nurseries for quality planting material, post harvest management, quality certification and marketing.

**Manufacturing of spurious blood**

†1325. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases officially registered in regard to the preparation of blood in the country during last two months;

(b) the action taken against the people engaged in preparing of animal blood to be used for human beings; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government to deal with such acts in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) As per report received from Drugs Controller General (India), two cases of Blood Banks storing blood not of standard quality have been detected by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in Kanpur and Lucknow area during the last two months. The license of M/s Umrai Hospital and Blood Bank, Ashiana Blood Bank, Lucknow has been cancelled, while license of M/s C.L. Memorial Hospital, Kanpur has been suspended.

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In another case, police detected and seized unauthorized blood bags at Lucknow. Eight persons were arrested and case has been registered with Lucknow police.

(c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has stepped up the number of raids/inspections at all the blood banks in Uttar Pradesh since September 2009. Show cause notices to 40 Blood Banks have already been issued by the State Government.

**Spurious drugs in the market**

†1326. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of substandard and spurious drugs at several medical stores in the market still continues;

(b) whether such drugs are playing with the health of the patients and if so, the persons whom Government considers responsible for circulation of such drugs; and

(c) the number of cases of spurious drugs detected during the last two years the name of States where maximum number of spurious drugs are being manufactured and sold, the action taken against the persons found guilty in such cases and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. The State Licensing Authorities during the raids or inspections of medical stores have detected certain cases of sub-standard and spurious drugs. Consumption of sub-standard or spurious drugs could be harmful. The manufacturing, marketing, etc of such drugs is an undercover activity indulged by unscrupulous persons. The drugs samples tested all over the country during the last five years have, however, revealed that approximately 0.3% to 0.4% of around 40,000 samples tested per annum were found spurious. A recent survey carried out by Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) on the basis of the statistical principles provided by Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Hyderabad to assess more accurate extent of spurious drugs in the country has revealed that the extent of spurious drugs is further much below this level (about 0.045%).

(c) The manufacture of spurious drug being a clandestine activity and because of its interstate movement no State can be considered as where the maximum no. of spurious drugs are being manufactured and sold, however maximum number of cases have been detected in Maharashtra. Prosecution are launched after necessary investigation by the regulatory agency in such cases. A details of showing the numbers of samples tested, declared spurious, prosecution launched, number of persons arrested and approximate value of drugs seized in the last two years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 as obtained from the State Licensing Authorities is given in the Statement (*See* below). The information in respect of year 2008-09 has been received from only some of the State Drugs Controllers.

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